



Brookland Junior School News



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This Week:

In assembly this week we thought about our Brookland Values of Tolerance and Respect and learnt about the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch which you can find out about here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/submission>

Well done 6D on your fabulous **class assembly** today. You shared so much fascinating information about India in such a creative and entertaining way, your dancing was especially impressive! Thank you for being such an excellent team, 6D and thank you to all the parents for your help with costumes and lines and for making the time to come and watch this morning.



A huge thank you to Lauren Langham for her excellent **talk for parents on anxiety** this week. I know everyone who attended found her input very helpful, informative and supportive. Thank you also to Mr Greenhouse for organising.

Our Boccia team competed in a tournament at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre on Tuesday:



It was really fun. We all tried our best. We played 4 games and then 3 more friendly matches. The leisure centre was huge, the size of 4 normal halls! It started at 11.30 and finished at 2.30. There was one really great shot when I touched the white ball. My best shot was when I pushed the other team's ball and got mine closest to the white. Thank you to Ms Capelan for training us and to Mr.Shone for supporting us and helping with tactics. Ryan and Adam 6D

Year 6 are putting all our Brookland Learning Skills to great use with their **DT project** designing motorised fairground rides.





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Also This Week:

"The trip to the Indian temple was extraordinary. We got to feed the cows, ride the cows, see the gods and watch how they pray every day. We also got to dress up with the cultural clothes and talk about their holy book. We got very in depth talking and understanding for everything about one of their religions in India, Hinduism. Hindus are very religious and hold a ceremony of waking up the gods, giving them breakfast, bathing them and dressing them every day. When we were in the temple, we had to take our shoes off and put them on a large shelf with slots for shoes. This was to show respect and keeping it clean. Walking around the space there were many paintings of Krishna which we learned is the name of their god. They told us the way to identify Krishna is he always has a flute and a peacock feather in his hair. We ate curry at lunch and it was delicious. Overall it was very enjoyable and we had lots of fun and learned lots. Definitely recommend, 10/10 experience. Everyone was so kind." Sophia 6L



Next Week:

Monday 29th January: 4K visit to Gunnersbury Park for Victorians experience

Tuesday 30th January: 4R, 4S visit to Gunnersbury Park for Victorians experience

Wednesday 31st January am: Y5 visit to North Finchley Mosque

Thursday 1st February am: Netball Team tournament

Friday 2nd February 9am: 5A Space Class Assembly for parents – please do stay for coffee/ tea if you are able

Further Ahead:

Week of 5th February: Children's Mental Health/ Online Safety focus week

Monday 5th February 9am: Head Teacher Award Assembly

Tuesday 6th February 9- 10am: Parent Workshop on online safety- external speaker from ECP in the hall

Tuesday 6th February: Online safety workshops for all classes

Tuesday 6th February 5.30-7.30 PA Pyjama party film night for years 3 and 4 in the hall

Wednesday 7th February: Children's mental health day

Wednesday 7th February: Group of pupils attending Marlo's Magical Soothing Sound Bath Workshop

Wednesday 7th February 5.30-7.30 PA Pyjama party film night for years 5 and 6 in the hall

Thursday 8th February: Maths Challenge at The Guildhall for group of Y5 pupils

Friday 9th February 9am: 4S Victorians Class Assembly for parents- please do stay for coffee/ tea if you are able

Monday 12th- Friday 16th February: HALF TERM HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 19th February 8.50: Back to school for everyone



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Children's Mental Health Week#

The week beginning 5th February marks the start of the National Children's Mental Health week and we will be developing our mindfulness practice and strategies for regulating our emotions during the week. We will also be sending out some parent resources on the Zones of Regulation - a tool we use here at Brookland to discuss how we are feeling.

On **Wednesday 7th February**, please bring £1 to dress in the colours of black, pink and/or yellow to fundraise for Beyond, a charity providing mental health educational support to schools. We are so fortunate to have been given a grant of £11,000 from Beyond this year to work with BASE (Body and Soul Education) to support children in our school who are young carers and we'd like to give back to the charity to help support others.

You can find more information on Beyond here: <https://wearebeyond.org.uk/>

Golden Sentences in Big Writing this week:

Year 5 have been writing instructions for Cinderella

"For the chores, you must work almost non- stop. You must always work to the highest of quality and meet all expectations and chores set. Firstly, when you wake up you must tiptoe downstairs to the kitchen and light the fire with the fire wood that you will have to find yourself. Once you have lit the fire, you have about 10 minutes to lay the table before they come downstairs (if you are not done by the time they get down, expect a beating)" Levi 5AM

Year 6 are writing persuasively about their fairground rides:

"If you are intrepid then come over to Summer Wonderland, an alluring, radiant, thrilling theme park. Summer Wonderland was made in 2021 and took 3 years to make. There are many stomach fluttering, topsy turvy, heart pounding rides. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to go on the best rides. We have a variety of rides: such as ★Countdown ★Dinosaur Land ★Super Spinner. This theme park is 40% fun and 60% thrill.

★Countdown: Countdown is the world largest vertical drop at 280m with mind-boggling music to terrify you. Breath-taking, exhilarating, spine-chilling: The Countdown would make you want to go again. Every day this ride accommodates about 450 people." Benjamin 6P

"The Caliban Caves: The cave section of the park, partly situated inside actual millennia – old caves. Take a tour of the caves and see the beauty of nature's sculpting studio. Meet cave-dwelling animals of the world. Hop on to the sons of the dragon ride and come face to face with elegant, mind-boggling, exquisite olms (just don't use screens as they don't like light). Fly with bats on our V R rollercoaster." Naomi 6P

"Candy Land Forest: "Are you telling me you like some treats sweets, this theme park was born for people with a thirst for sugar. A mouth-watering, eye-catching, jaw-dropping sweet heaven and unforgettable to whoever passes by. Encounter dazzling waterfalls, exhilarating rides. Don't forget to hold on to your eyeballs." Ella 6D

Year 3 have been writing comic strips about the Stone Age character Ug and making timelines of the prehistoric eras.





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Message from Barnet about Dr Bike:

Due to the success of the Dr Bikes in December in Barnet's car parks, particularly among parents/carers and children, there has been demand to continue these into the New Year. I can therefore announce we will continue to run these through January, February and March at the following locations/dates/times on a rotating basis each month:

Location Name	Location Description	Date	Time
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	31/01/2024	4pm to 7pm
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	07/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	14/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	21/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	28/02/2024	4pm to 7pm
Lodge Lane car park	Yellow chevrons immediately to the right of the entrance to the Car Park (opposite NL Auction Rooms N12 8JH)	06/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Middlesex University	Pavement on The Burroughs outside Middlesex University opposite Babington Rd NW4 4BT	13/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Temple Fortune	By Bike racks outside entrance to M&S Food Hall at 820 Finchley Road, NW11 6XL	20/03/2024	4pm to 7pm
Stapylton Rd car park	Area immediately to the right of carpark entrance (EN5 4LR)	27/03/2024	4pm to 7pm

The free Dr Bike sessions will be run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required, all for free.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 22nd January - Friday 26th January

Class	3B	3G	3HD	4K	4R	4S
ATTENDANCE%	99.64%	97.24%	93.93%	98.39%	97.33%	95.33%
PUNCTUALITY%	96.79%	98.97%	97.50%	99.35%	97.00%	99.37%

Class	5A	5AM	5E	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	97.33%	98.97%	96.55%	98.33%	95.65%	93.45%	96.85%
PUNCTUALITY%	97.33%	97.59%	100%	100%	98.67%	97.59%	98.35%

Well done to **3B** for having the highest attendance this week.
Congratulations to **6D & 5E** for having 100% punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake



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Brookland Junior School has been the very lucky recipient of a generous grant from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Resident's Association.

This grant has enabled us to undertake several projects that would not have been fulfilled otherwise: new markings on our playground; a grant for Gardening Club and two new Interactive Whiteboards. The impact on the school has been significant to the pupils, staff and governors of Brookland Junior School. We are all very thankful.

Some of the children and staff have shared their thoughts below:

Gardening Club

Dear Residents Association,
We are very thankful for your generous grant for the Brookland Gardening Club which we intend to use in Spring. So far, we have planted onions, garlic, peas and french beans and we are looking forward to harvest ^{our} crops in Spring.

This money will enable us to build up new vegetable beds and other kind of vegetables. Last year, we have donated our crops to our school kitchen (Onions and garlic) so we intend to do the same this year.





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Playground markings

We are very grateful for the grant to paint some new markings on the playgrounds. Before, we only had one 4-square area to play on and it was busy; there was often a long wait. Now we have 4! The other markings on the playground were old and fading.

The new markings on the playground have made such a difference. We have a lot more room to play and this means we have fewer arguments over who gets to play. It has been an amazing change from before and it has made all the children happier! The new markings have encouraged us to be more active and move around more at playtime. Thank you!

Natan, Noa, Jacob, Alejandro, Esther (5A)

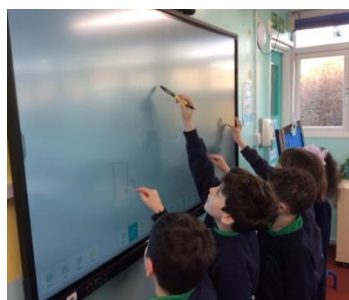


New whiteboards in the music room and den

We have also purchased two new interactive whiteboards in our music room and 'den', which is an intervention and meeting space. They have made a huge difference to our teaching and to the children's learning.

This whiteboard is amazing. It has so many colours on it and can do so many different things. It is cool how the pens are magnetic, so they won't get lost. The new whiteboard works! It means we can write on it to show our answers and learn with it. It has replaced one that was a bit temperamental (this means it only worked sometimes!) Skye, Pedro, Bonnie, Samuel, Alex 3B

Having the whiteboard in the music room has transformed our lessons by enabling children to come to the front of the lesson and model ideas on the board. It allows the teacher to share the learning and success criteria so that the children are always aware of what they need to do to be successful. Mr Greenhouse.



*Thank
you!*